## What is Claimed is:

1. A method for developing and administering investment trusts comprising:

selecting an investment instrument from a plurality of available investment instruments;

5 creating an investment trust with the selected investment instrument;

trading the investment trust on a financial exchange to provide an ownership interest in the investment trust; and

10 redeeming the ownership interest in the investment trust for at least the investment instrument.

- 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a database of investment instruments available for selection.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising optimizing which investment instruments are selected to produce a desired growth in equity and yield return at a selected level of risk.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking the value of the investment instrument.
- 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising storing value information related to the tracked investment instrument in a database.
- 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising generating a financial report.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining whether the investment instrument expires; and

- 5 replacing the investment instrument with a similar investment instrument when the investment instrument expires.
  - 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a database of investment trusts.
  - 9. A system for developing and administering investment trusts comprising:

a means for receiving a selection of an investment instrument from a plurality of available investment instruments;

a means for creating an investment trust with the received selection of the investment instrument;

a means for trading the investment trust
on a financial exchange to provide an ownership
interest in the investment trust; and

a means for redeeming the ownership interest in the investment trust for at least the investment instrument.

- 10. The system of claim 9, further comprising a means of creating a database of investment instruments available for selection.
- 11. The system of claim 9, further comprising a means of optimizing which investment instruments are selected to produce a desired growth in equity and yield return at a selected level of risk.

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- 12. The system of claim 9, further comprising a means of tracking the value of the investment instrument.
- 13. The system of claim 12, further comprising a means of storing the value information of the tracked investment instrument in a database.
- 14. The system of claim 9, further comprising a means for generating a financial report.
- 15. The system of claim 9, further comprising:

 $\hbox{a means for determining whether an} \\ \hbox{investment instrument expires; and}$ 

a means for replacing the investment instrument with a similar investment instrument when the investment instrument expires.

16. The system of claim 9, further comprising a means of creating a database of investment trusts.